(c) if so, action taken against them; and

(d) if not, reasons for their not tracing?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (d) On March 26, 1994, militants resorted to firing in the Dalgate area of Srinagar at the time when the motorcade of the Union Minister for Internal Security was passing through that area. According to information made available by the State Government, the firing was from a distance, and did not cause any damage or injuries. In the circumstances of the incident it is difficult to identify/ apprehend specific culprits who may have been involved.

Visit of Internal Security Minister to Kashmir

5705. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state;

(a) whether the Minister for Internal Security visited Kashmir recently:

(b) if so, what was the purpose of the visit and what is the latest assessment of the situation in Kashmir;

(c) whether any administrative changes are contemplated by Government; and

(d) if so, what is the decision, if any taken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTE R OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (d) The Minister of State for Internal Security has been visiting the State of Jammu and Kashmir regularly for on the spot assessment of the situation, to meet the people to ascertain their problems; and , to discuss various Issues with the State Government officials with a view to activising the administration and make it more responsive and accountable. In order to achieve the objectives, administrative changes are effected as and when necessary.

It is felt that, although the level of violence continues to be high, there is a qualitative change in the situation. The people appear to be tired and fed up of the violence and disillusioned with the activities of the terrorists. Efforts are being made to consolidate the situation further.

Fire Incidents during Summer

5706. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whetner it is a fact that a large number of fire incidents take place every year in Delhi especially in summer season, and more especially in business centres, Juggi-Jhopri clusters and high rise buildings;

(b) if so, the details thereof, mentioning the number of such incidents since April, 1993 to March, 1994, major causes of such incidents, loss of lives and property and the amount of compensation paid in each case; and

(c) what action Government have so far taken with results thereof or propose to take to contain such fire incidents involving property worth lakhs of rupees and loss of hundreds of human lives?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P.M. SAYEED) (a) Yes, Sir.

(a) The Government of NCT of Delhi have reported that 8703 fire incidents were reported to the Delhi Fire Service during April, 1993 to March, 1994 in which property worth Rs. 24.13 crores approximately was destroyed. Most of the incidents were cause due to electric short circuit. The Government of NCT of Delhi have further reported that 6 persons